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February 12, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

28 February 12, 2013

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FINDINGS AND ORDERS OF THE BUILDING REHABILITATION APPEALS BOARD IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF BUTTE VALLEY, SUNLAND, AND SYLMAR (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action will adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board pursuant to Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, Building Code, which provides for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthful conditions, which constitute a public nuisance.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board that provide for abatement of public nuisances at the following locations:

12613 Lopez Canyon, Sylmar, California 91342
12159 Oro Vista Avenue, Sunland, California 91040
20505 Nugent Street, Butte Valley, California 93535

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide for abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures. Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, Building Code, provides for a Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board to hear appeals on matters concerning public nuisances.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) as it provides services to the public that have a wide-reaching positive effect on the entire community. The action will provide for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthful conditions, which constitute a public nuisance. Maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no increase in net County cost or negative fiscal impact. Costs of the abatement work are billed to the property owner(s). Failure to pay the bill will cause a special assessment to be placed on the tax bill and a Notice of Abatement Lien will be recorded against the property with the office of the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Building Code provides for abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures contained in Chapter 99.

Government Code Section 25845 requires that the property owner(s) be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board and be heard prior to abatement of the nuisance(s) by the County. However, the Board adopted modified procedures that delegated the required hearing to the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board with the requirement that the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board make a written recommendation to the Board.

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board has conducted the required hearing for the properties listed below. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board considered all competent evidence and testimony offered by all persons pertaining to the matters of the substandard properties. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding of facts in the matter and declared the following properties to be a public nuisance.

The Board may either adopt these findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board without further notice of hearing or may set the matter for a de novo hearing before the Board.

ADDRESS: 12613 Lopez Canyon, Sylmar, California 91342

Finding and Orders: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) that by April 16, 2013, permits be obtained and the structure(s) be repaired to Code, rebuilt to Code, or demolished, if substantial progress, extend to July 15, 2013, (b) that the structure(s) be maintained secured to prevent unauthorized entry, and (c) that the property be maintained clean. Demolition includes the removal of all foundations, slabs, walks, driveways, debris, and the proper abandonment of any sewer or sewage disposal system.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of

such adjacent properties.

2. The building was open and accessible to children, vandalized, and existed as a fire hazard and a threat to public safety and welfare until it was barricaded, as requested by the Sheriff's Department.
3. Portions of the interior and exterior walls are inadequate or fire damaged and lacks a protective coating of paint.
4. Doors and windows are broken.
5. The building contains defective, inadequate, or fire damaged ceiling and roof supports or systems.
6. The required heating system is missing, defective, and fire damaged.
7. The electrical service system is noncomplying, missing, fire damaged, or potentially hazardous.
8. The potable water system of the dwelling is noncomplying, missing, fire damaged, or insanitary.
9. The water heater, lavatory, bath facility, kitchen sink, laundry tray, or standpipe of the dwelling is inoperable, missing, fire damaged, or insanitary.
10. The building contains defective, deteriorated, inadequate, or fire damaged drain, waste, and vent systems.

The interior of the building was not accessible for inspection; therefore, additional defects may be found when an interior inspection is made.

ADDRESS: 12159 Oro Vista Avenue, Sunland, California 91040

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Attractive nuisances in the form of abandoned or broken equipment, neglected machinery, washer, and dryer.
3. Broken or discarded furniture in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
4. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
5. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
6. Trailers, campers, and other mobile equipment stored for unreasonable periods of time in yard areas contiguous to streets or highways.
7. Abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

Finding and Orders: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is

substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) that by February 15, 2013, the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, and miscellaneous personal property and maintained cleared thereafter, (b) that by February 15, 2013, the wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) and parts thereof be removed and the property be maintained cleared thereafter, (c) that by February 15, 2013, permits be obtained and the structure(s) be repaired to Code, rebuilt to Code, or demolished, and (d) that the structure(s) be maintained secured to prevent unauthorized entry. Demolition includes the removal of all foundations, slabs, walks, driveways, debris, and the proper abandonment of any sewer or sewage disposal system.

List of Defects

ADDRESS: 20505 Nugent Street, Butte Valley, California 93535

Finding and Orders: The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) that by February 15, 2013, the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, and miscellaneous personal property and maintained cleared thereafter, (b) that by February 15, 2013, permits be obtained and the structure(s) be repaired to Code, rebuilt to Code, or demolished, and (c) that the structure(s) be maintained secured to prevent unauthorized entry. Demolition includes the removal of all foundations, slabs, walks, driveways, debris, and the proper abandonment of any sewer or sewage disposal system.

List of Defects

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
3. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
4. Trailers stored for unreasonable periods of time in yard areas contiguous to streets or highways.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board confirmed the County Building Official's findings that the listed properties are substandard because they are injurious to health, offensive to the senses, and obstructs the free use of neighboring properties so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Building and Safety Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office